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1. A new Indonesian organization called Kesatuan Ra'ayat Istimsawa Semanunjong (KRIS) has been formed in Sarawak. It is similar to the organization formed in August 1945 and sponsored by the Japanese as a part of the Malay Nationalist Party. Like the Japanese-sponsored organization, the aim of the new group is the incorporation of Malaya in a "Greater Indonesia", which will include Java, Borneo, Sumatra, Sarawak and Malaya.
2. KRIS has eight branches in Sarawak, each consisting of forty members. Until they were brought under control by the Security Forces, they had been murdering and intimidating the populace. They had been acting under the leadership of a man named Yahya who is wanted for murder by the Dutch and who threatened to march on Kuching, the capital of Sarawak. It is believed that the group is attempting to recruit the followers of Anthony Brooke.
3. Reportedly the group now has no firearms but it may be supplied by the Indonesians in Java.

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